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JOACHIM HILL, Clock Maker.

By Alex. B. Allen.

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There is one thing over which science, polities or inventive genius can exercise no power, and that is Time, whether it is measured by the shadows on the sun dial or ticked away by the old-fashioned, high, eight-day clock, perchance made by the one of whom I am asked to give a sketch—Joachim Hill.

I find that Time has proved its absolute disregard of memory, and Death has already claimed a large harvest since the "old clock maker" first saw the light in Amwell township. For many and wide are the inquiries I have made regarding him, finding but little authentic until an interview with his only surviving child, a daughter, Miss Martha Hill, of Newark, revealed his true characteristics and eccentricities, some of which I will endeavor to present to you in a brief manner. I find Joachim Hill lived a quiet, uneventful, blameless life, aiming to be truthful and honest under all circumstances. Let me quote from his daughter right in the beginning, a little incident she related, showing his views of honesty, that occurred during the Civil War: "Father, who was at that time getting a little childish, had heard that a law had been passed that only a certain amount of silverware in any house should be exempt from taxation, and

recalling the old-fashioned silverware that had been in the house from my earliest recollection, he said to me : ‘Marthy, get them scales (a pair of old scales that had been used for weighing sugar) and bring me all the spoons and I will weigh them so as to be sure we tell no lies about them.’ So father weighed the spoons by avoirdupois weight and felt satisfied they would afford no one the opportunity to cheat the United States Government, for father was very loyal to his country and expressed a wish to live to see the rebellion put down.”

As a maker of old-fashioned brass eight-day clocks Mr. Hill was considered very expert. The early part of his life was devoted to that occupation, and it was then his business flourished, for later he claimed the Yankees spoiled his trade, which he carried on in the old brick house, near Copper Hill, owned and occupied at the present time by Mr. George Britton, whose wife is a distant relative of Joachim Hill. This property, as near as I can ascertain, was purchased about 1814. Mr. Hill’s business place consisted of a small casting shop across the road from the house just mentioned, containing an enormous bellows and a very pretty engine, which he made himself and used in making such parts of the brass works as he manufactured. The polishing was done in his main workshop, the dining-room of his house. It is said the brass wheels shone like gold when completed and the polishing irons had been used.

Various opinions have been expressed, and several very decided ones, relative to the parts of the old clocks Mr. Hill made. Some have said every part—others only the case—but his daughter, whose knowledge I must regard, says her father was not a cabinet maker, nor did he make even the dials, but purchased the former, usually handsome solid mahogany cases, frequently inlaid, of a cabinet maker near Flemington, named John Tappen. The dials she had no idea where or of whom he purchased, only that they always had his name in black letters across the front, and this is well demonstrated by several I have seen sold and others owned and prized in our community. Ex-Judge R. S. Kuhl claims to have one of the first clocks Joachim Hill made. William F. Buohl, Henry M. Voorhees, Mrs. Clinton Blackwell and Rev. L. D. Temple are also among the proud possessors of these ancient time-pieces.

The opinions of his daughter as to what part of the clock her father made you have just heard, but it conflicts with those of various clock-makers I have talked with, all of whom claim that the works for the eight-day clocks were imported from England, and that all our clockmakers did was to cast the weights, drill the holes in the brass frames for the pinions, polish

the wheels, fit the pinions and put the clocks together. I am not prepared to say which view is authentic, but I will say, and I think every one will bear me out in the statement, that the finished product from his hands shows conscientious work. One of the yearly occurrences in the houses surrounding this part of the country, where an old eight-day clock ticked away time, was the visit of Joachim Hill, trudging along on his little brown mare, a sheepskin for a saddle and a small supply of tools for repairing clocks. His methods were primitive but effective—removing the works and boiling them in ashes and water being the cleaning process ; the oil, a hickory-nut pit held between heated tongs and over the desired parts until the proper results were accomplished.

Mr. Hill was not only a clock-maker but a careful, thrifty farmer. He married Martha Barcroft, of Kingwood township, Sept. 4, 1813. He and his wife lived on the farm previously spoken of, rearing a family of seven children—four daughters and three sons. Mary, his eldest daughter, married Dr. Mershon, a skillful physician, a graduate of Princeton and Jefferson colleges. He practiced in Flemington in his early days and in Newark, where he died. Sarah married Gershom Russling, of Trenton. Caroline married William Corbett, a prominent and eloquent Methodist minister, who preached in Newark, New York, Bordentown and Brooklyn. Martha, unmarried, lives in Newark. Augustus married Isabell Van Syckle. John K. married and died in California. Ambrose died unmarried in San Francisco. Thirteen children survive these various families.

Joachim Hill's father, Isaac Hill, and his mother, Mary Hunt, lived in Amwell township, on the farm now owned by Winfield Case, where Joachim was born November 25, 1783. In 1810 he joined the Presbyterian Church in Flemington. Afterward he united with the Methodist Church to please his wife. This was a great grief to his father, a Presbyterian Elder, for Methodists were little known at that time. However, he afterward drifted back to the Presbyterian Church. In appearance he was very short of stature and had very bright, dark eyes and heavy black hair and eyebrows, with scarcely a gray hair, when he died at 76 Orchard street, Newark, April 12, 1869, aged 86 years. He is buried in the Presbyterian churchyard in Flemington by the side of his wife and not far from his father and mother.

I have said Joachim Hill's life was uneventful. Surely we cannot afford to lose sight of the fact that he rests from his labors covered with a mantle of glory as a maker of eight-day clocks.

A Genealogy of the Taylor Family, OF MONMOUTH COUNTY.

By the late ASHER TAYLOR, of Middletown and Jersey City.

Edited by Hiram E. Deats.

(Continued from Vol. II, No. 1.)

SAMUEL PINTARD.

No. 507. Samuel Pintard, married in 1733, Ann Glen Cross, and had children :

William⁵⁰⁸, born 1737.

Samuel, born 1735.

John Lagorge, born 1738.

Catharine, born 1740.

Eliza, born 1742.

WILLIAM PINTARD.

No. 508.* William Pintard, son of Samuel⁵⁰⁷, born 1734, died 1810, married 1761, Hannah Scott, born 1742. Children :

Samuel, Esq., born 1762, married Deborah, daughter of John Wall²²⁹. No issue.

Almy, born 1765.

Glen Cross, born 1767.

Ann, born 1770.

Elizabeth, born 1773.

William, born 1776.

Clayton, born 1778.

John, (Captain) born 1779.

Hannah, born 1782, died 1842, married Samuel Tilton. Their daughter married Shepherd Kolloch.

Anthony Vandorn, born 1784.

ARCHIBALD CRAIG.

No. 513. Archibald Craig, son of Sheriff David⁵¹⁹, born —, died Aug. 30, 1838, married Ann, born April 21, 1788, daughter of Captain Alexander Coffin, Jr.⁷¹³. He was Cashier of the Chemical Bank, N. Y., Oct., 1829, to his death. Children :

Alexander C., born July 16, 1817, died about 1857.

David, unmarried, lost at sea 1848.

Maria, born Jan. 1, 1820, married Dr. I Edgar Arrowsmith, had Emma, married L. G. Woodhouse⁵¹⁴, and Anna Maria C., died 1849.

*509-512 omitted by A. T.

George, born 1823, served in the N. Y. Volunteers in the Mexican War, and died unmarried at Jamestown, Tuolumne Co., California, 1852.

Frederick William, born 1826, lived in California.

LORENZO G. WOODHOUSE.

No. 514. Lorenzo G. Woodhouse, son of Charles and Lepha (Guernsey) Woodhouse, born July 16, 1839, married Feb. 7, 1866, at the Church of the Holy Apostles by Rev. Dr. Howland, to Emma D⁵¹³, daughter Dr. I. Edgar Arrowsmith. Children :

Grace Guernsey, born March 2, 1867, died July 29, 1894, married Robt. B. Roosevelt, Jr.; daughter Olga, born April 7, 1891.

DAVID D. CRAIG.

No. 515. David D. Craig, son of Sheriff David⁵¹⁹, of Freehold, N. J., born 18 June, 1796, married (1822, January) Maria, born 1791, died January, 1870, daughter of Capt. Alexander Coffin⁷¹³, Jr. Children :

David Alexander⁵¹⁶.

Wm. Henry⁵¹⁷.

Frederick Archibald, died 1854, had son Frederick.

DAVID ALEXANDER CRAIG.

No. 516. David Alexander Craig, son of David⁵¹⁵, born 25 Aug. 1824, died Nov. 22, 1892, married 1850, Mary Ann, daughter of Stephen Van Kirk. Children :

David Henry, born June 18, 1852.

Anna Maria, Feb. 24, 1854.

Elizabeth, no issue.

Harriet Emily, January 31, 1858.

Sarah, Feb. 18, 1860.

Edward Schenck, Nov. 25, 1864.

Fannie Pease, widow, April 3, 1869.

Lydia Martha, March 25, 1871.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM HENRY CRAIG.

No. 517. Captain William Henry Craig, son of David D⁵¹⁵, born 1828, married Lydia, daughter of Wyckoff Conover⁵²⁰.

He served three years in the 14th N. J. Vols. as Lieutenant and Captain. He was severely wounded in July, 1864, at the bloody field of Monocacy Bridge and invalided out. Children :

Joseph Taylor, Oct. 26, 1861.

James Alexander, Aug. 11, 1864.

Wm. Conover.

Edwin.

TAYLOR GENEALOGY.

ARCHIBALD CRAIG.

No. 518. Archibald Craig, came over from Scotland to Amboy in the ship Caledonia, shortly after the rebellion of 1715. He had a son,

WILLIAM CRAIG.

No. 518½. William Craig, married Ellen Rhea, sister to Col. David Rhea, who was Aid to Gen. Washington at Battle of Monmouth. Children :

David, was Sheriff⁵¹⁹ of Monmouth Co., (1808 to 1811).

James, married Esther Rhea, daughter of Aaron and Lydia Rhea, and had daughter Elizabeth, who married Thomas C. Throckmorton, and had son Barbarie Throckmorton, who died 1869 at Bergen, N. J.

DAVID CRAIG.

No. 519. David Craig, Sheriff, son of William⁵¹⁸, born —, married Hannah, daughter of Joseph and Hannah Bowne. Children :

Archibald⁵¹⁸.

David D⁵¹⁵.

Ely, (daughter) married Wyckoff Conover⁵²⁰.

Mary Ann, married Kortenius Schenck.

Lydia, married Joseph Shepherd⁴⁹⁸.

Hannah, married Gilbert Molleson.

William, lived at Franklin, Ohio.

Obadiah.

WYCKOFF CONOVER.

No. 520. Wyckoff Conover, son of ——, born —, married Ely, daughter of Sheriff Craig⁵¹⁹. Children :

James, Capt. 14th N. J. Vols. Mortally wounded at Monacacy, July 9th, 1864.

Lydia, married her cousin, Wm. H. Craig⁵¹⁷.

EDWARD B. WEYMAN.

No. 521.* Edward B. Weyman, of Charleston, S. C., born June 30, 1794, died 1833 (Sept. 11), married Dec., 1816, Lydia G., daughter of Alexander Coffin, Jr⁷¹³. She died in New York July 8, 1824. Children :

I. Lydia Catharine, born July 10, 1819, died at Charleston 1858.

II. †Edward Alexander, born May 6, 1821.

*522-526 omitted by A. T.

†Edw. went to Mexico 1859, and supposed murdered, supposed to have left three sons, who visited N. Y., in Dec., 1883. They resided at Chalchihuites, Mexico.

III. Mary Rosalie, born about Christmas 1823, married 1854 James Price, Charleston, S. C., had Mary Leize (Blossom) born 1855; Annie Mainyalt; James Stirling (named after the Rev. General); Hennie; Willie Weymen, born 1867.

RICHARD HARTSHORNE.

No. 527. Richard Hartshorne, son of William Hartshorne, of Leicester, England, was born Oct. 24, 1641. He was "a respectable Quaker," came over and settled at the Highlands of Nauvessing in 1669, calling his locality "Portland Place."

In 1677 he obtained the grant of the "exclusive range of Sandy Hook" for his cattle, and subsequently a title for the fee.

He married Nov. 27, 1670, Margaret Carr.

It is not probable, I think, that Mr. Hartshorne came over under any patronage of, or connection with William Penn; but more likely under the influence of Hugo Hartshorne (upholsterer in London) who was much mixed up with, and interested in the concerns of the Province of East Jersey, and was one of the twelve proprietors, who purchased the province from the heirs of Carteret, in 1682.

These twelve were mostly Quakers; Penn was originally one of them, but he appears to have taken but little active part in East Jersey, being entirely engrossed with Pennsylvania.

John Fenwicke (see No. 275), a proprietor of a part of West Jersey had contentions about his lands with William Penn, and others who claimed to be co-proprietors. In 1675 Penn gave instructions to Richard Hartshorne and power to act for him, in the matter in dispute, between him and Fenwick.

"John Fenwick," in a paper dated "the twelfth day of the first month, commonly called March," 1678-9, speaks of William Penn, and others, and "Richard Hartshorne of the Temple, Counsellor-at-Law, (who lately was executed for treason) as having combined together to cheat me of my whole estate." (N. J. Historical So. proceedings IV. 75.) So it appears that Penn's friend and coadjutor was not our Richard Hartshorne; but, he that was hanged and, doubtless, "saved aright."

JAMES GROVER.

No. 528. James Grover, took up May 31, 1676, 560 acres. He was one of the grantees in 1665. He had a son James⁵²⁹.

JAMES GROVER.

No. 529.* James Grover, son of James⁵²⁸, born —, married probably Mary, daughter of Rich. Stout⁵³⁶. He bought lands in 1676. Children :

Elizabeth, married Gershom Stilwell³⁶⁶.

Hannah, married Win. Taylor¹⁷.

*530-534 omitted by A. T.

TAYLOR GENEALOGY.

RICHARD AND PENELOPE STOUT.*

No. 535. Richard and Penelope Stout. Children :
 John, born 1650, settled at Squan, married Elizabeth ——.
 Richard⁵³⁶, known as Capt., born 1655, married Frances ——.
 Jonathan⁵³⁷, born 1664, married Ann Bullen, Aug. 27, 1685, died at Hopewell in 1723.

Peter, born 1658, died 1703, married — Bullen, was wealthy and respectable; his family lived in Monmouth County.

James,[†] born 1656, married Elizabeth ——, had family, died before 1697.

Benjamin, moved to Maryland and had family. He was High Sheriff of Monmouth in 1710.

David⁵³⁹, born 1669, married, 1688, Rebecca Ashton⁴²⁷.
 Deliverance, married Throckmorton, had family. (Prob. 484, q. v.)

Sarah,[‡] married Pike, had family.

Penelope, married Bowne, had large family.

RICHARD STOUT.

No. 536. Richard Stout, son of Richard the first⁵³⁵, resided it is said in the Crawford Hendrickson home. Children :
 John, married Peggy, daughter of John Taylor¹⁹.
 Jonathan, married — White.
 Rebecca, married George Taylor²².
 Catharine, married her cousin, John Stout⁵⁴⁰.
 Mary, married James Grover, probably No. 529.
 Esther, married Benj. Woolley⁵⁴⁸.

JONATHAN STOUT.

No. 537. Jonathan Stout, son of Richard first⁵³⁵, born 1664, died March, 1723, married Ann Bullen. He was one of the first settlers of North Eastern Hopewell. Children :

Joseph⁵³⁸, born 1686.

Benjamin, born 1696.

David, born 1706.

Zebulon, born 1699.

Samuel, born 1709.

Sarah, born 1689, married Andrew Smith; five sons, Jonathan, Andrew, George, Charles and Timothy. Their only daughter, Anna, married John Titus, son of John, of Hopewell.

Hannah, born 1694, married Jediah Higgins.

Anna, born 1704, married Nehemiah Bonham.

*I am indebted to Ralph Ege, Esq., of Hopewell, N. J., for some additions and corrections to Ashter Taylor's copy.

[†]James had sons, Benjamin, James, Joseph; Benj. married Ruth Bogart and had daughter Sarah, who married John Taylor and had son Peter Taylor.

[‡]Richard Stout's will dated June 9, 1703, names his daughters as Mary, Alice and Sarah.

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